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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of James Albert Deanes of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, James Deanes was born in Ruleville, Mississippi on April 23, 1948 to Ruby Watson and Jimmy Lee Deanes; he moved to Chicago with his family in the 1950s; he attended Grant Elementary School and graduated from Cregier Vocational High School; he studied at Washburne Trade School, becoming a machinist; he married Evelyn Bryant; and

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WHEREAS, James Deanes began his career as an apprentice at Chuck & Dave Manufacturing; he then worked at ABM Industries as a plant manager for 27 years; he retired in 2013; and

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WHEREAS, James Deanes had a passion for community involvement and education reform; he served as a member and chair of several Parent-Teacher Associations, Local School Improvement Councils, Local School Councils, and various community organizations; he was appointed chairperson of the Parent/Community Council, a multi-ethnic organization that helped spearhead community and legislative efforts aimed at giving parents and community members greater control over the governance of their children's schools through the

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1 establishment of local school councils; in 1996, he became the
2 District Four Facilitator for the Chicago Public Schools (CPS)
3 at the behest of then-CPS CEO Paul Vallas; and

4 WHEREAS, James Deanes was preceded in death by his wife of
5 38 year, Evelyn; and

6 WHEREAS, James Deanes and his wife had 4 sons and a
7 daughter; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we mourn the passing of James Albert Deanes, and extend our
11 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
12 and loved him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of James Deanes as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.